

Animal Control Commission

Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2017

I. Call to order

Maribeth called to order the regular meeting of the Animal Control Commission at 6:32 PM on March 13, 2017 at Thayer Memorial Library, Trustees' Room

II. Members/Attendees Present

The following members were present: Phil Eugene, Maribeth Eugene, Phyllis Tower, Mary de Alderete, Joyce Moody. Kelly Quill joined the meeting at 7:08 PM

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes from January 8, 2017 were approved.

IV. Discussion of Outstanding Dog Complaint Issues

Phyllis explained that Mr. Beckner still had not completed the conditional orders of microchipping his dog and taking pictures and sending them to the Clerk's Office. The Commission agreed that a letter ordering the completion of these outstanding items be sent via constable, and if Mr. Beckner did not comply, additional fines and court dates might be necessary.

Phyllis also updated the Commission that there have been no further problems at the Gibbons' household since the new fence was put in.

V. Discussion regarding the "Dogs in Town Hall" policy and upcoming Selectmen meeting

Maribeth stated that as the BOS had to make the decision whether dogs were permitted or not, she felt that the ACC should limit the area of their input to how it aligns with current bylaws. The general consensus was that dogs could be welcome, but if not, they should not be permitted in any building held by the Town. If they were allowed, they must be kept on leash, or contained in a secure area, as per the bylaw. The ACC would like to see a better description of the word "secure" from the BOS as this could lead to misinterpretations. Mary will draft a response letter to be presented to the BOS at the next meeting, and also print the section of the bylaw that will be referred to, so that they will have it ahead of time.

VI. Dogs

Loose on Ivy Court, PT asked that pictures be taken as the owner has already received warnings.

Lost from Spec Pond, found on wood line of Stagecoach, returned to owner

Found yellow lab Mill Ext, owner came to get

Found on Lunenburg Rd brought to Tyngsboro, friend took for night, returned next day, owner was from Mt Laurel; dog's home is in Tyngsboro

Loose sm blk/brn Lunenburg/N Main owner came while officers were standing by advice for owner who was bit by her own dog, recently acquired from a shelter advised to speak with shelter – did not break skin, told to call shelter.

Concern for large breed dog outside on N Main (Bernese Mountain Dog)

Dead by fairgrds was a coyote

Blk/wh hound loose on Sterling St looked injured officers didn't find

Loose on Ivy Ct

Concern for care Narrow/Goss for a greyhound, no issue

Chased by dogs on Cleverly Cove, electric fence not workign

Loose on Moffett, not found

injured dog on Brockelmann, owners own dogs had fought with each other

Loose on Ivy Ct, pictures received by Dianne in the Town Clerk's Office

Greyhound found in Maynard with 2005 Lancaster tags

Loose blk dog High St Ext in and out of traffic

Skinny golden lab with blk collar Bolton Station Rd

Clinton vet has a dog that was struck by car on Clinton Lancaster line, put in Leominster, owners took into Clinton, didn't want to pay

Loose on Cleverly Cove, second time

Lost Pomeranian/pug from Mill St with Clinton tags

Loose yellow lab on Old Union Tpke, reported

Lost mini husky from Mill St

Found Mastiff brought to residents home on Beach Point, father was watching while owner was away

2 loose dogs on George Hill

Woman jumped by two dogs on Beach Ave, Phyllis told her to go to doctor, awaiting response

Dog found on S Meadow, caller from Clinton picked up her dog from the residence

Loose lg blk lab Lee St

Barking on Moffett, letter to Rhoads was sent.

Lost on George Hill

Small poodle loose area of Main/Narrow, Phyllis asked them to hold it for her

Found loose on Old Union tpke turned into station, returned to owner on Spec Pond

Loose blk lab on Lee st

Concern for dogs, currently investigating, Phyllis looking into Kennel

found Yorkie, find brought home to Orange for a few days before contacting Lancaster dispatch, dog is currently in a 7 day hold with arrangements to surrender to AHIMSA Haven, finder wanting to adopt, needs to qualify

Cats

Feral, injured leg on Crescent

Dead young cat side of road near Manny's farm on Brockelmann

Livestock

Loose horses Sterling St/Redstone Hill

Loose horses on Packard

Loose horse on Burbank Ln

Wildlife

Coyotes Deershorn/s Meadow

Coyotes Hilltop

Opossum in garage on Whitcomb

VII. Next Meeting Date, April 10th, 6:30 PM, Library Trustees' Room

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM